

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated April 20, 2006. It is submitted that the application is currently in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2 – 4, and 7 – 19 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner:

- (Item 2) objected to claims 4 & 5 under 5 USC 112, 2nd paragraph because of informalities;
- (Item 3 - 8) rejected claims 1, 2, 9, 13, 18, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oyama (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,499) in view of Wang et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 20030122185);
- (Items 9-16) rejected claims 3 - 6, 10 - 11, and 14 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oyama (U.S. Patent No. 5,880,499) in view of Wang et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 20030122185) in view of Choi et al (US 6,485,895); and
- (Item 17) indicated claims 7, 8, 12, 16, and 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph and to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

(Item 2) Objection to Claims 4 & 5 under 5 USC 112, 2nd paragraph

As noted above, the Examiner objected to claims 4 & 5 under 5 USC 112, 2nd paragraph because of the following informalities: "DUV" is abbreviation of Deep Ultraviolet resin. The Applicants wish to thank Examiner for suggesting writing in out in full the abbreviation as "Deep Ultraviolet." The Applicants have carefully amended claims 4 and 5 writing out in full the abbreviation "(DUV) Deep Ultraviolet resin." The Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner' objection of claims 4 and 5 has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

(Item 17) Allowability of Claims 3, 4, 7, 13, 14, and 17

As an initial matter, the Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kim for indicating that claims 7, 8, 12, 16, and 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph and to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7, 8, 12, 16, and 17 have been carefully rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 8, 12, 16, and 17 are in a condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

Additionally, all the remaining claims 2 – 4 and 9 – 19 have been amended to depend from allowable claims 7 and 8 respectively. Since dependent claims contain all the limitations of the independent claims; claims 2 – 4 and 9 – 19 should be allowable as well, which allowance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the grounds for rejection stated in the Examiner's Office Action have been overcome, and that all claims in the application are allowable. No new matter has been added. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

The remaining cited references have been reviewed and are not believed to affect the patentability of the claims as amended.

Applicants acknowledge the continuing duty of candor and good faith to disclosure of information known to be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, all such information is dutifully made of record. The foreseeable equivalents of any territory surrendered by amendment are limited to the territory taught by the information of record. No other territory afforded by the doctrine of equivalents is knowingly surrendered and everything else is unforeseeable at the time of this amendment by the Applicants and their attorneys.

PLEASE CALL the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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